



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Safe Digging Month

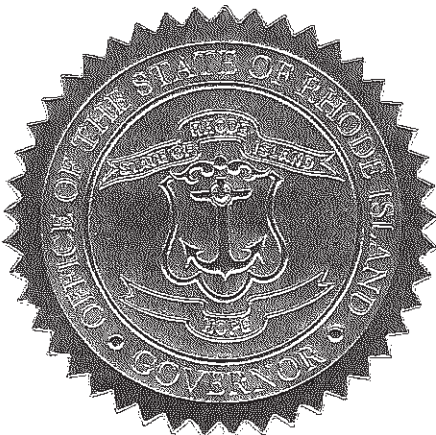
Whereas, Dig Safe System, Inc. was established as a nonprofit organization to protect underground facilities of public utilities, to avoid costly damage and to promote public safety; and

Whereas, in serving the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, Dig Safe System, Inc. promotes time and energy conservation by allowing excavators to make toll-free calls to the Dig Safe Center, adhering to both state and federal laws requiring notification to designated utility companies prior to excavating; and


Whereas, upon receiving calls, clerks at the Dig Safe Center enter into a computer the information pertaining to the specific excavation site, after which the computer automatically notifies all member utilities which have underground lines in the area; and

Whereas, Dig Safe System, Inc. recognizes the true importance of increasing the awareness of safety rules and regulations in an effort to prevent unnecessary accidents from occurring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim April 2011, **Safe Digging Month** in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations,
this 17th day of April, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor